

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0040] as marked-up below:

-- In response to the validity response from the HLR 510, the originating network forwards a FSM of the message to the network interconnection 500. Referring to Figure 5, the MSC 520 in the network interconnection 500 receives the FSM and directly translates the FSM into a format compatible with the destination network. By directly translating the FSM, the MSC 520 does not translate the FSM into an intermediate format (e.g., SMPP) to send the message to the destination network to be further translated before routing to a destination mobile communication device. The MSC 520 then forwards the translated FSM to the SMSC 530 for routing to the destination network. In one embodiment, the SMSC 530 routes the translated FSM to the destination network to be sent to a destination mobile communication device operating on the destination network without further reformatting. In some embodiments, the destination network may include a non-CDMA network, such as, for example, an Internet.--